(c) No, Sir.

(d) The entire country would be benefited by this new Policy.

Mines in Tamil Nadu

2875. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mines excavated in Tamil Nadu for various minerals;

(b) whether there are more potential reserves of minerals in the State, which are yet to be mines and exploited; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As per available information, there were 160 mines in Tamil Nadu for non-fuel and non-coal minerals (excluding minor minerals) in the year 2006-07.

(b) and (c) As per available information, Tamil Nadu has potential reserves of Molybdenum (1500000 tones) which are yet to be mined and exploited. Mining of minerals depends on economic viability and demand of the market.

Action Plan for Development of Muslim Artisans

2876. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently formulated any action plan for the development of muslim artisans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount sanctioned under the plan; and

(d) the progress made, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial Group has been constituted to plan and monitor the implementation of a comprehensive programme for skill and entrepreneurship development amongst muslim artisans. The question of sanctioning funds would arise only when the plan is finalized.

Loan by NMDFC to minorities

2877. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the share capital of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC);

(b) the amount of loan provided by NMDFC to minorities during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the rate of interest of this loan; and

(d) the amount and the names of those individuals who were given loan during that period?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) The authorized share capital of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) is Rs. 750.00 crores, the paid up capital is Rs. 555.921 crores.

(b) the details of loans disbursed by NMDFC during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Disbursement (Rs. in crores)
2005-06	Rs. 108.11
2006-07	Rs. 112.75
2007-08	Rs. 144.12

(c) The rates of interest under the three major credit schemes being implemented by NMDFC are given below;

Term loans	6% per annum
Educational loans	3% per annum
Micro-finance	Rs. 5% per annum.

(d) The total number of beneficiaries during the last three years is 1,29,817. Since disbursements to beneficiaries and recoveries are done by the implementing agencies *viz.*, the state channelising agencies or the non-governmental organizations, the details of individual borrowers are maintained by them.

15 points programme on Sachar Committee Report

2878. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up an expert panel consisting of Union Ministries and States for effective implementation of its aggressive minority welfare agenda, as identified by the 15 point programme on Sachar Committee Report;

(b) if so, the steps the panel has taken so far;

(c) whether this panel would evolve the extent of development benefits accruing to socio-religious communities from welfare programme;

(d) if so, whether this panel has already received the report about implementation by the Central Committee and the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise. However, the Government has announced in June, 2006, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities. It envisages regular monitoring at the Central level, once in six months, by a Committee of Secretaries and then by the Cabinet. A close monitoring mechanism has also been established in a majority of the States/UTs.

Vocational and computer training for minority women

2879. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government for formulating a scheme for vocational and computer training for women belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;